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The judge decided that Microsoft is a monopoly, yet the DOJ wants to surrender to Microsoft and reward them. This is wrong. Microsoft should be broken up and placed on severe restrictions. Their business practices are anti-competitive. Their rhetoric is a pack of untruths. They are not "innovative". They are, in fact, keeping innovation out. Please withdraw from the current surrender and keep prosecuting hard.

The "settlement/surrender" you negotiated with Microsoft is pathetic. There are no real restrictions on Microsoft. Microsoft can still use their monopoly profits to prevent competitors from the marketplace. Computer manufacturers who don't cooperate with Microsoft will be punished and bankrupt by Microsoft. The "viewing of Internet Explorer" code is a joke. Nobody wants to read IE code, especially if you have to become an approved "Microsoft partner" (i.e. agree only to program for Bill Gates) and have to travel to a Microsoft run safe facility.

You left open too many loopholes. Way to many. Did Microsoft lawyers write the agreement? You must close all loopholes so that independents can freely negotiate with computer manufacturers for placing products on the PC without facing retaliation by Monopoly Microsoft.

Go back and fight Microsoft!

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